review of implementation of the decisions of the earlier meeting, current status of trade and economic cooperation and steps for further development, issues relating to cooperation in Transport, Banking and Financial and Agricultural sectors, etc. were discussed in the Protocol.

(c) The utilisation of the Russian rupee debt fund is governed by the Arrangement between the Bank for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Reserve Bank of India for implementing the provisions of the letters dated 28-29 January, 1993 and 6 September, 1993 exchanged between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of India. As per this Arrangement, the funds related to the payment of the Russian rupee debt are to be utilized for purchase of goods and services from India. The bulk of India's exports to Russian are on this account.

Import of second hand cars

311. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether blanket permission to import any type of second hand car is allowed;

(b) if so, whether they are likely to create pollution and dumping grounds of junks; and

(c) the steps taken to check any attempt to push a policy which permits such imports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Second hand/used motor cars (including jeep and land rover), are classified under Exim Code No. 87.03 of ITC(HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items. Presently imports under the Exim Code are restricted.

(c) In view of India's International commitments, the restriction on import of this item may have to be removed latest by 1st April, 2001. However, all such imports will be subject to applicable rates of customs duty as well as provisions of any other national laws for the time being in force.

Industrial units closed down in private sector

312. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units in private sector closed down during the last three years in the country; and